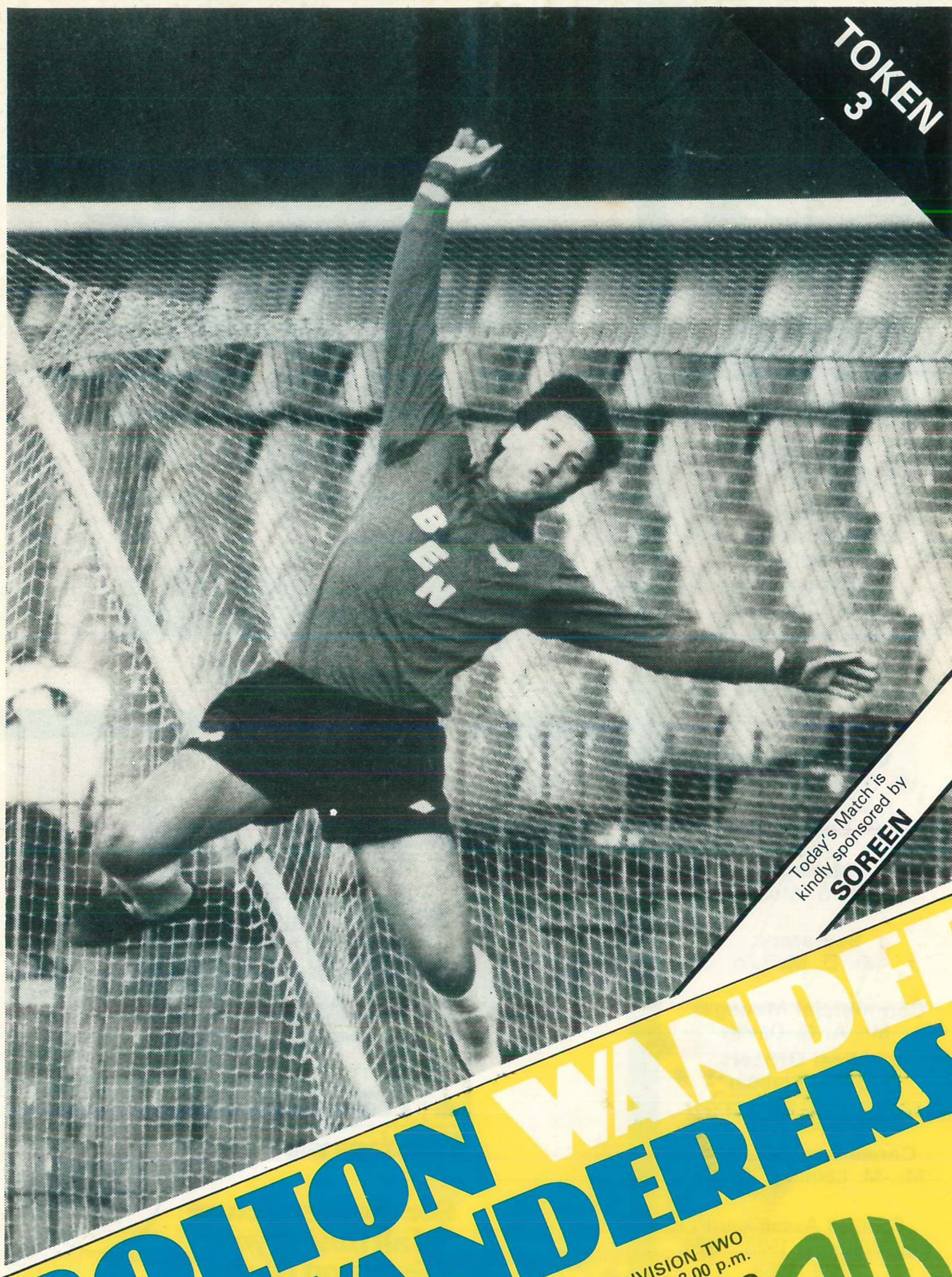


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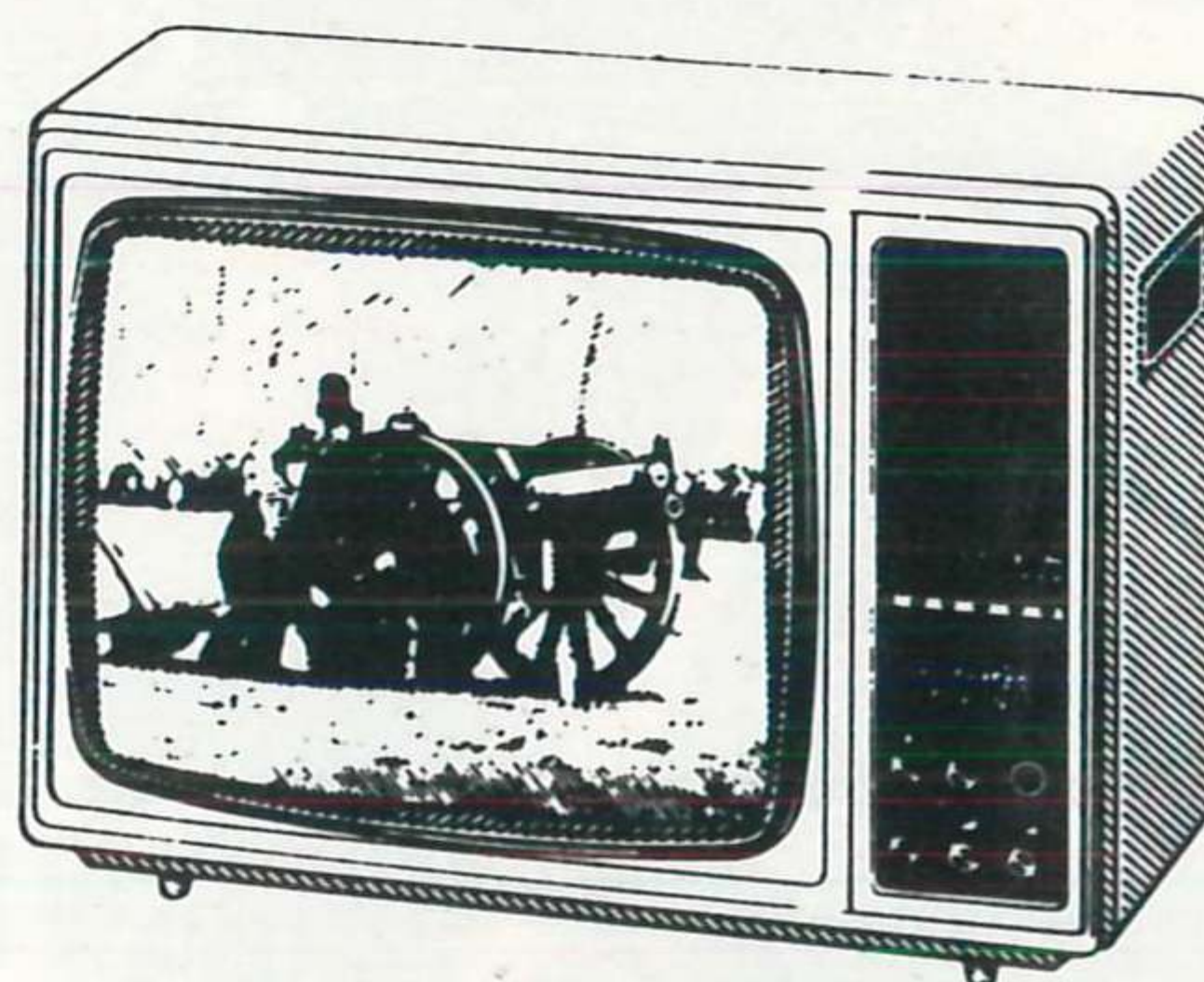
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George Mulhall writes

We couldn't have had a worse start to the season, as you well know. Defeats in each of our three League games to date leave us bottom of the table and it goes without saying that we need to act and act pretty quickly.

We must do a great deal better on the field where we just haven't been producing the goods, and apart from improving the form of the players already on our staff it is imperative that we strengthen our squad considerably.

At the moment we are desperately short of experience across the whole spectrum of our playing staff quite apart from our needs in the first team.

The problem is affecting all the teams at the club. A shortage of experienced senior players means we are having to play too many youngsters in the Reserve team, who are consequently getting bad results themselves. That isn't doing the younger players any good at all.

Last Saturday's 3-0 defeat at Barnsley was a great disappointment to me, but the injury to Peter Reid made a sad afternoon even more miserable.

It is tragic that just when I was speaking about Peter getting back to

somewhere near his best form, this has to happen.

It's hard to accept that a player like Peter should have the burden of such a tragic injury record but all you can say is that he must be one of that small percentage of people for whom nothing goes right.

Let's all hope he has a significant change of fortune.



Peter Reid — injury.

Like ourselves, today's visitors Oldham haven't had the best of starts to the season, but the way they played against us here in the first leg of our League Cup tie, it is hard to imagine them struggling for too long.

They played really well here in that match and, being honest, I would say they didn't deserve to lose. But that's the way things go in football.

While wishing Oldham and my good pals Jimmy Frizzell and Bill Taylor the best of luck in the future, I am banking on our own form improving from now on.

FRONT COVER: Bolton goalkeeper Jim McDonagh in action.

THE LATICS



Back Row: Gary Hoolickin, John Bowden, John Platt, Peter McDonnell, Paul Futcher, Kenny Clements.

Middle Row: Bill Taylor, Asst. Team Manager/Chief Coach, Rodger Wylde, Martin Nuttall, Darren McDonough, Nick Sinclair, Andy Birchenough, Dougie Anderson, Jim Steel, Mark Cooper, Billy Urmson, Asst. Coach.

Front Row: Paul Atkinson, Steve Edwards, John Ryan, Jimmy Frizzell, Team Manager, Ged Keegan, Roger Palmer, Paul Heaton.

SLOW START BY OLDHAM

By Tony Pullein

Oldham made a disappointing start to the season and early-season pointers were that they might be facing another battle against relegation. Injuries have played their part in disrupting the side but, even allowing for this, the team showed a marked lack of cohesion in their early fixtures.

Yet the Latics could not have made a more explosive start. They sprinted into a 2-0 lead after only six minutes of their opening game at home to Cardiff, goals from Kenny Clements and Roger Palmer — two former Manchester City players setting them up for what looked like a handsome victory.

Sadly the Latics couldn't build upon that advantage and they slowly allowed Cardiff to play their way back into the game. In the end they had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

Football has a strange way of levelling things up, though. They may have thrown away two points in that opening fixture but, when they visited Watford for their next League game, they were handed one point on a plate.

Watford dominated the game almost completely and it was thanks to their lack of finishing power — and an outstanding display of concentration by the Oldham defence — that Oldham were not overwhelmed. As it was, Watford scored only once and, with Roger Palmer taking a breakaway chance perfectly to grab an equaliser, Oldham went home with a point.

That performance brought sharp criticism from their assistant-manager Bill Taylor. "Football is a game that should be played thoughtfully. So often today we were just kicking the ball forwards and chasing hopefully," he said.

"I'm not going to stand for that. There will be some hard talking on Monday and the players must learn to think before they pass the ball."

On the injury front, Oldham were without both right-back Nick Sinclair and centre-back Kenny Clements when they came here for the first-leg of the first round in the League Cup. An even bigger blow was sustained at Watford when Rodger Wylde, last season's top scorer, had to opt out of the game at half-time with a damaged bone in his foot.

Whether or not Wylde will be fit to play today remained to be seen. If not, manager Jimmy Frizzell might well decide to give young Martin Nuttall another chance. He came in for several weeks last season when Jim Steel was out of the side.

If Oldham should turn out to be light in attack, we know that they have a great capacity for defending efficiently.

Last season we took three points from Oldham in the Second Division, winning 2-0 here and drawing 1-1 at Boundary Park.

Until quite late in the season, Oldham's away record was very poor. At the turn of the year they had managed only one away win but that was an

outstanding 2-1 success at Notts County, who had been unbeaten at home. After winning 3-2 at Orient in January, though, away results began to improve. They won at Cardiff (2-0), Preston (2-1) and Luton (2-1), that latter performance driving the final nail into Luton's promotion coffin.

Oldham also drew at Shrewsbury (2-2), West Ham (1-1) and Grimsby (0-0) and they completed the season with a run of five unbeaten away matches.

Several prominent players left the club at the end of last season. Ronnie Blair, having given the club ten year's outstanding service and earning a testimonial, signed for Blackpool whilst former Everton centre-back John Hurst was considering several offers. Polish international midfielder Ryszard Kowenicki joined Bradford City and Mark Hilton and Steve Gardner are among the others who departed.

Goalkeeper John Platt, given a free transfer, joined Mark Hilton at Bury.

So there was a fresh look about the Oldham side that started this season. Peter McDonnell, who regained his place from Platt last season, continued in goal with Paul Fletcher moving back from midfield to join Kenny Clements in the middle of the defence.

Nick Sinclair was the right-back until an injury gave Gary Hoolickin another chance there. John Ryan, who finished his apprenticeship only this summer, was brought in to make his League debut at left-back in the opening game against Cardiff.

Ged Keegan, Paul Atkinson, Darren McDonough and Paul Heaton have been competing for the three midfield positions and McDonough played centre-back when Clements was unfit to play here in the League Cup.

Rodger Wylde, Jim Steel and Roger Palmer form the recognised attack.

The man who has guided Oldham from the Fourth Division to their present place in Division Two is Jimmy Frizzell who took over as the boss in March 1970 after serving the club as a player for ten years. In the whole of the Football League, the only manager to have enjoyed a longer unbroken run with one club is Bobby Robson of Ipswich.

Mr Frizzell led the club to promotion to the Third Division at the end of his first full season in command and in 1974 he saw them jump back into the Second Division.

PETER McDONNELL (Goalkeeper) Peter lost his place in the Oldham side for a while last season but he is now back to his best form. Whilst with Bury, he made only one League appearance before being snapped up by Liverpool. But he didn't get a look-in with Ray Clemence in command so he was pleased to join Oldham in a £20,000 deal in 1978.

NICK SINCLAIR (Defender) Unlucky Nick was injured in the opening match of the season against Cardiff and was sidelined for a couple of weeks. An Oldham discovery, he made his League bow in 1978/79 and gained a regular place last season.

GARY HOOLICKIN (Defender) Gary once again came up trumps when recalled to the team at right-back following Sinclair's injury and an interesting battle for this position seems likely this season. Another Oldham find, Gary made his League bow in 1976/77.

KENNY CLEMENTS (Defender) Kenny was absent through injury when Oldham came here in the League

Cup but he quickly mended and was back in the team for Oldham's next game at Watford. Kenny held a place in Manchester City's First Division side for three years and cost Oldham a £150,000 fee when they signed him two seasons ago.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender) Paul is now back in his familiar role as a central defender after playing in midfield for most of last season. He started his career with Chester and commanded a £100,000 fee when still a teenager when he signed for Luton in 1974. Four years later he moved to Manchester City for £350,000. Paul won 11 England under-21 caps and joined Oldham for £200,000 during the 1980 close-season.

JOHN RYAN (Defender) John completed his apprenticeship with Oldham and signed as a full-time professional this summer. He was given his League debut against Cardiff on the opening day of the season and held the left-back spot filled for long by Ronnie Blair. John was in the side that visited Burnden Park for the League Cup tie.

STEVE EDWARDS (Defender) Yet another product of the junior teams, Steve played his first senior game for the Latics in 1977/78 and he completed 50 League appearances for them last season.

GED KEEGAN (Midfield) A living dynamo in Oldham's midfield, Ged sparks off many of their attacking moves. He learned his game with Manchester City and played some three dozen times in their First Division side before joining Oldham for £25,000 in 1979.

PAUL ATKINSON (Midfield) Paul was Oldham's scorer when they lost 1-2 here in the League Cup a short while ago. Another player to develop in their junior teams, he emerged for his League debut in 1979 and has been in the side ever since.

PAUL HEATON (Midfield) Paul made his first appearances in the Oldham first-team in 1977/78 and has been a member of the first-team squad for much of the time since.

DARREN McDONOUGH (Defender/Midfield) Darren is equally as valuable to Oldham as a driving force in midfield or as a central defender — the role he filled here in the League Cup. An Irishman, he joined the club last season when he made 16 League appearances.

RODGER WYLDE (Forward) Rodger damaged a foot when playing at Watford a fortnight ago and could be doubtful for today's match. If so, the Latics will surely miss him for he was their leading scorer with 12 goals last season. He started his career with Sheffield Wednesday and topped the Owls' scoring list with 25 goals in 1976/77. Oldham signed him for £80,000 in 1980.

JIM STEEL (Forward) Jim was spotted in Scottish junior football and he made his bow in the Oldham League eleven in 1978/79. He has been leading their attack for the past two seasons.

ROGER PALMER (Forward) Roger opened his goals account with the one that earned the Latics a 1-1 draw at Oldham two weeks back. He joined them from Manchester City for £70,000 last season when he scored six times. He made his League debut for City in 1977/78.

MARTIN NUTTALL (Forward) Martin got his first chance in Oldham's League eleven at Orient in January this year. He made a total of seven League appearances, scoring one goal.

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Club Scene

INJURY

The tragic injury to Peter Reid at Barnsley last Saturday could not have come at a worse time for either the club or the player.

A broken shin bone means that Peter will be out of action for around six months — his fifth long lay off in little more than three seasons.

Dogged by injuries since he helped us to promotion to Division One in the 1977-78 season, Peter's latest setback came in the closing minutes of our disappointing defeat at Oakwell. And in characteristic fashion, Peter was chasing bravely and determinedly for a ball which to all intents and purposes was lost.

A clash of shins with Barnsley's Ian Evans left Peter on the ground, knowing he had done serious damage.

It wasn't as if he hadn't taken the advisable precaution of wearing protection. For the shin pad Peter was wearing was left in tact.

Peter received emergency treatment at Barnsley General Hospital where a specialist confirmed that he had a fracture across his right shin, but that there were no complications of displacement.

First estimates are that Peter will be in plaster for 12 weeks and will need a further 12 weeks recovery period.

That after one of the most traumatic injury spells a player could wish to have.

After an injury-free start to his career which saw him earn the honour of skippering the England Under 21 side, he missed the start of the 78-79 season — our first back in Division One — with a knee injury.

Later that season he suffered the serious ligament injury which threatened to end his career. After a year out of the game he recovered to win back his place and seemed back on course for the illustrious career his talents deserve.

Then — after missing the start of last season when he became embroiled in his transfer dispute — Peter suffered yet another knee injury which subsequently needed a cartilage operation.

It is to be hoped that Peter's luck will take a decisive turn for the better when he returns to action. Everyone at the club and in football in general wishes him a speedy recovery.

JIM'S WORLD CUP DREAMS

Jim McDonagh played a vital part in the Republic of Ireland's draw with Holland in Rotterdam last week when the Irish kept alive their World Cup hopes.

The 2-2 scoreline, while damaging Holland's chances of qualifying for the finals in Spain next summer, left the Irish with a great chance.

And while Jim carries the name of Bolton Wanderers with pride on his current international duties, just imagine the feeling he will get representing the club in the world's most prestigious tournament.

Jim has always had a great pride in his association with the Wanderers and admitted getting a lump in his throat when "Jim McDonagh — Bolton Wanderers"

flashed on the electronic scoreboard in Feyenoord's grand stadium.

It was the first time Jim had represented his country as a Wanderers player and it is to be hoped he will have many more such moments to savour.

Jim is now looking forward to a win against qualifying group rivals France on October 14 and a place in Spain next year.

Bolton Wanderers Supporters Association (Horwich Branch)

All future meetings will be held in the executive suite on Monday evenings until further notice commencing at 8.00 pm.

New members are always welcome when they can come along for a game of pool, darts, table tennis or just a chat about the game. The bar is also open and the only rule is that you must be sixteen years old to be in line with the licencing laws.

In recent weeks members have been rather busy, helping out on the stalls at the junior whites open day and also running a successful coach trip to Blackpool illuminations and an evening show.

So why not support the association and your team by coming along on Monday evening and enjoying yourself with fellow supporters . . .



"JUNIOR WHITES" NEWS

Our First meeting of the Season last week was another Big Success with Charlie Wright, Alan Gowling and John Thomas joining Alan Jeffers, of the new Basketball Section in making it a varied programme for all the family. Today's mascot David Whitworth was chosen at the last meeting, so who knows it could be your chance when we hold our October meeting on Monday 5th October — why not make it a date in the Executive club at 6.30.

"WHEN WE MET BEFORE"

Today is the 37th League meeting between Bolton and Oldham and without tempting Providence our near neighbours haven't registered a victory at Burnden Park in their previous 18 visits! They also returned empty handed in 3 cup games played here including of course this years League Cup tie, the 2nd leg of which took place at Boundary Park this week. The previous League matches have been played in Divisions One, Two and Three, with the meeting at Boundary Park on August 14th 1971, Bolton's first ever Third Division game. The score incidentally was 2-2 and the attendance 14,372.

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A League of Gentlemen?

Perhaps we should have been warned when the Football League club chairman made a "gentlemen's agreement" not to poach each others managers. As one leading First Division manager remarked to me at the time; "If they were gentlemen they wouldn't need an agreement."

How true and how sad when one of the corner stones of the establishment, Manchester United, kicked ethics into touch for the sake of their own ends. So they wanted Lawrie McMenemy, well fine, but all negotiations should have been between the respective club chairmen in private. It was wrong for United's Martin Edwards to voice his opinions through the columns of the press before Southampton had decided whether to let United talk to their boss.

It was also equally wrong for Brian Clough to publicly proclaim he wanted to sign Tottenham Hotspur's Glenn Hoddle and for John Bond to likewise make statements about his interest in West Bromwich Albion's winger Peter Barnes, following his brilliant performance for England against Brazil.

Both these players were still under contract, Hoddle until July and Barnes for a further two years. I understand that Albion were contemplating charging Manchester City under Rule 58 which states:

"Clubs shall not directly or indirectly approach any player whose name is on the Club List of Players of another club.

"Unless the time factor makes it impracticable any club wishing to obtain the services of a Player whose registration is open to transfer must communicate any offer in writing to the Club holding the registration of such Player.

"At the same time a copy of such offer must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Football league."

Surely it is morally wrong for players to be tapped in this fashion. Managers know it, directors know it and the public know it, so why does football let it happen?

And furthermore not only is it morally wrong but to try and induce someone to break a contract is also a civil offence and as such a club could obtain an injunction against an offending manager, preventing him making public statements on the subject. One hopes that things will not deteriorate to that extent but they could if the habit is not curtailed.

But then pettiness and greed seem to be the order of the day as players insist on lucrative contracts which they tear up at the drop of a hat when the prospect of another 30 pieces of gold offers itself in other directions.

Last season Peter Shilton wanted to walk out on Nottingham Forest, the club which had given him so much, for personal reasons. Then this close season Albion's Bryan Robson became unsettled when the more glamorous atmosphere of Old Trafford beckoned. Then there was the case of Adrian Heath a promising young star at Stoke City who wanted to foresake the Potteries only twelve months after signing a three year contract with the club.

One man most concerned about this current image the game is generating is Manager of the year Ron Saunders. The Aston Villa chief says: "The present structure has become a joke in public eyes — but a joke I don't find very funny."

Continues Saunders: "If a player accepts a contract, then that should be the end of things. Loyalty and integrity need to be an integral part of soccer. Players can't have it both ways. Freedom of contract applies when agreements run out, not the minute they are signed."

Saunders advocates a ban on all transfers during the playing season, a feeling which has some substantial support within the



PETER SHILTON — wanted to leave Nottingham Forest.

game. It would prevent players becoming restless and yearning for better things during that period but unfortunately would have no effect on poaching in the close season.

The answers of course lie in the clubs own hands... Last season ended on a high note on the field of play with the magical Brazilian's, that pulsating FA Cup Final replay and the European triumphs of both Liverpool and Ipswich Town, not to mention England's Hungarian rhapsody. Alas all that good was soured by the domestic wranglings and intrigues that now so beset the game. Honesty and integrity is desperately needed and the lead must come from the top.

It's make or break season for **TREVOR FRANCIS** and Forest

TREVOR FRANCIS was already being hailed as a superstar while still a teenager in the Birmingham City side, such was his ability and maturity.

A ruptured tendon in the knee then threatened to end his career but his fighting qualities proved every inch as effective as his wizardry on the ball and he pulled through, and nearly broke the bank of Monte Carlo when that larger than life soccer club manager Brian Clough decided he was his man and elevated him to the first £million transfer in British soccer history.

Trevor joined Forest and almost immediately won them the European Cup with the only goal in their first final against Swedish club Malmö . . . Francis had seemingly made an early return on that mammoth transfer.

Yet despite the success rumours of disharmony between Francis and Clough were rife. Disparaging press reports carried quotes by the Forest boss which were less than complimentary to the player although to Trevor's credit he never retaliated.

"Yes he used to knock me badly," he agrees, adding; "but I think that all happened during my first six months at Forest. I have now been here two and-a-half years and since then most of the comments Clough and Taylor have made to me and the press about me, have been very complimentary. So I think we left those problems behind us in those early months and now we enjoy a good relationship."

The Clough style of management is to say the least unique, although it is very effective. He is a players man a great psychologist, but how does he set about motivating a top line player like Trevor Francis?

"Um! For one thing he does not look upon me as a top star or any other kind of star for that matter . . . we are all just members of the Nottingham Forest Football Club," says Francis. "But then I don't think I need that much motivating. Every game to me is a different challenge. I don't particularly need geeing up."

LEASE OF LIFE

For a player involved in so many big matches isn't there a danger of becoming complacent?

"Well that certainly was not the case last season. Having missed the first half of the fixtures with another serious rupture, which again could have finished me as a player, I now treat every game with a little bit more reverence . . . they are more important to me than ever before.

"And I have enjoyed my football more since I came back than ever before. I think of the fact that I could be finished and now look upon it as a lucky break. I'm going to enjoy every day, I even get more pleasure out of training than I ever did before.

"You talk about motivation well one of the things that keeps me going is my little record book. I note the places where I have scored, where I have played well or not so well or downright badly. It is all there

and if we go to a ground where I have not scored before then that offers a particular challenge to me, and added incentive to find the net.

Maine Road, Manchester City's ground was one such venue but I managed to put that right last season. Now I think there are only two grounds in the First Division where I have failed to score and I will be anxious to put that right this season."

Does the little book indicate any trends or patterns?

"There are some teams I do better against than others. For some reason I have always done well against the two B's' Bristol City and Bolton Wanderers. I scored four against Bolton when I was 16 and ever since I have scored regularly against them. And the same applies to Bristol City.

"The real challenges of course are obviously at places like Old Trafford and Anfield and it is always important to do well against teams like them."

INCREDIBLE

At Forest Trevor has been deployed in several roles but which part does he like the best, up front as an out and out striker or performing from a deeper position coming forward?

"I like playing as a front man. I know Peter Taylor still thinks that I am better playing in a wide position on the right because of my pace. He thinks that I not only score goals from that position but that I lay on many goals for the others. 'Incredible' is the word he uses to describe my contribution. He said at the time that with John Robertson and me wide, Woodcock and Birtles in the centre, Forest were unbeatable.

"I know when I first came to the club I did not like playing wide, but Gary Birtles and Tony Woodcock were performing so well that I was just pleased to be in the team. You could say I put up with playing on the right but obviously I did not come to Nottingham Forest to play on the wing and I made my feelings known to the management. Now I play regularly up the front and that is where I most enjoy my football."

After a dismal run — by their standards — last season, in which the side was being re-organised, the next nine months will prove a critical period for both Forest and Francis who says:

"I spoke to Peter Taylor just before the season ended and I said that I did not want another season like the one we had just had. He thought that we needed three players and said if he could get the right ones then we will challenge for the Championship, in fact he said, 'we will win the Championship.' I just hope that he is right because since I have been here we have always been successful. And I just hope that this season we do well because I have enjoyed my stay at Forest and if we have another season like the last then I shall want to leave at the end of my contract . . . and that expires next summer. But if we do well then it could change my thoughts."



Famous Clubs

It is all systems go at Highfield Road this season as progressive Coventry City, already one of the best equipped clubs in the League, open their campaign with a brand new manager — Dave Sexton — and England's first all-seater football stadium.

And it is not only off the field where the 'Sky Blues' have been making progress, as many respected pundits believe that they have made great strides on the playing side in the past couple of years and are now not far short of a winning combination.

Coventry of course is the heart of the British motor industry and so it is no surprise that the

club have entered a lucrative sponsorship agreement with Talbot Cars, but it is the two wheeled variety of transportation — the bicycle — to which the club owes its origins.

Long before the age of the car the town lived on the production of cycles and one of the most popular models in the early eighties was manufactured by Singers. The young factory workers from this firm decided to form their own football club, Singers F.C., and this came into being in 1883.

They won the Birmingham Junior Cup in 1891 and 1892 and two years later were admitted to the Birmingham and District League where they competed against the reserve sides of many well-known Football League clubs.

In 1898 it was decided to re-name the club Coventry City F.C. They continued to make progress in local football and then graduated to the Southern League, reaching Division I of that competition in 1908.

GIANT KILLERS

Although they continued to do well it was in the F.A. Cup that the club first made its presence really felt, when in the season of 1901-10 they reached the last eight by eliminating such eminent opposition as Preston North End, Portsmouth and Nottingham Forest, before succumbing to the might of Everton.

But the cup-run had done wonders for morale and the following season Sheffield Wednesday and Brighton were to fall at Coventry's hands before Burnley put a stop to their giant-killing escapades.

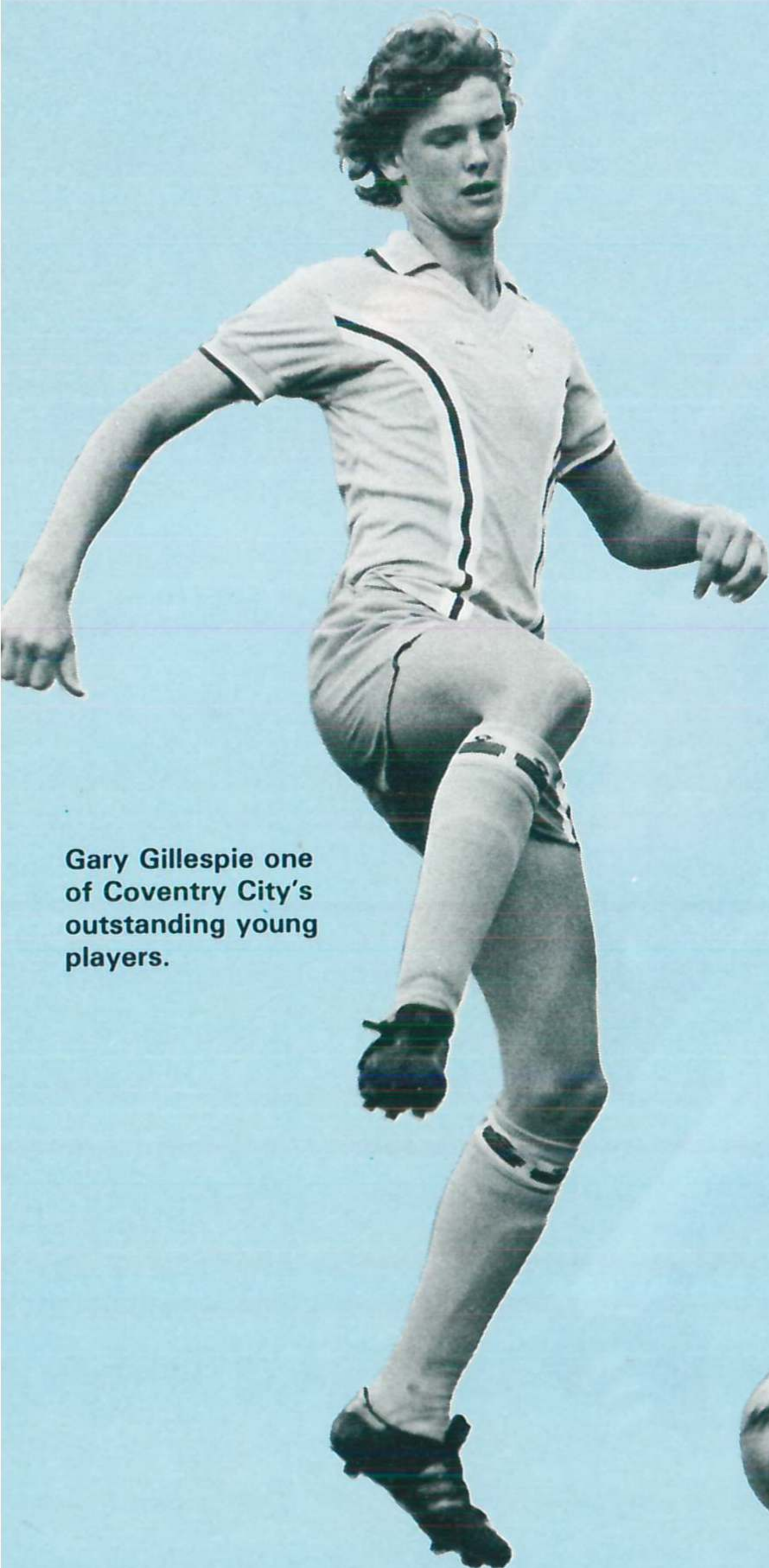
Coventry had enjoyed a good run and now it was time to experience the other side of the coin... City were relegated to the Second Division of the Southern League in 1914.

The Great War occupied the next four years but when the Football League resumed in 1919, Coventry City's luck changed again when they became one of four clubs to be elected to the newly extended Division Two of the Football League.

It must be confessed that it never made any real impact in those formative years of League football and finished that very first season with a record of just nine wins, 11 draws and 22

defeats, including a 6-1 pasting by Stoke City and 5-0 victories for Huddersfield and Spurs.

Unquestionably the season of 1922-23 was to prove the best... Coventry finished it with 37 points and their highest League placing of 18th. On Christmas Day they had annihilated Wolves 7-1 and then beaten them 2-1 at Molineux



Gary Gillespie one of Coventry City's outstanding young players.

Coventry City



on Boxing Day, but although the following season they managed to defeat Sheffield Wednesday 5-1 and Oldham 5-2 and they held on to 19th place with 35 points, it was clear they were struggling to hold their position.

The following season, despite once more putting five goals past Oldham, Coventry City were relegated to the Third Division Northern Section, where they completed an ignominious term... finishing 16th, having conceded 82 goals — before being transferred to the Southern Section of that same Division.

REVIVAL

It was not until 1931 that the 'Sky Blues' began to show any signs of development, rising in five seasons from twelfth to first place, having just missed out in second and third spots.

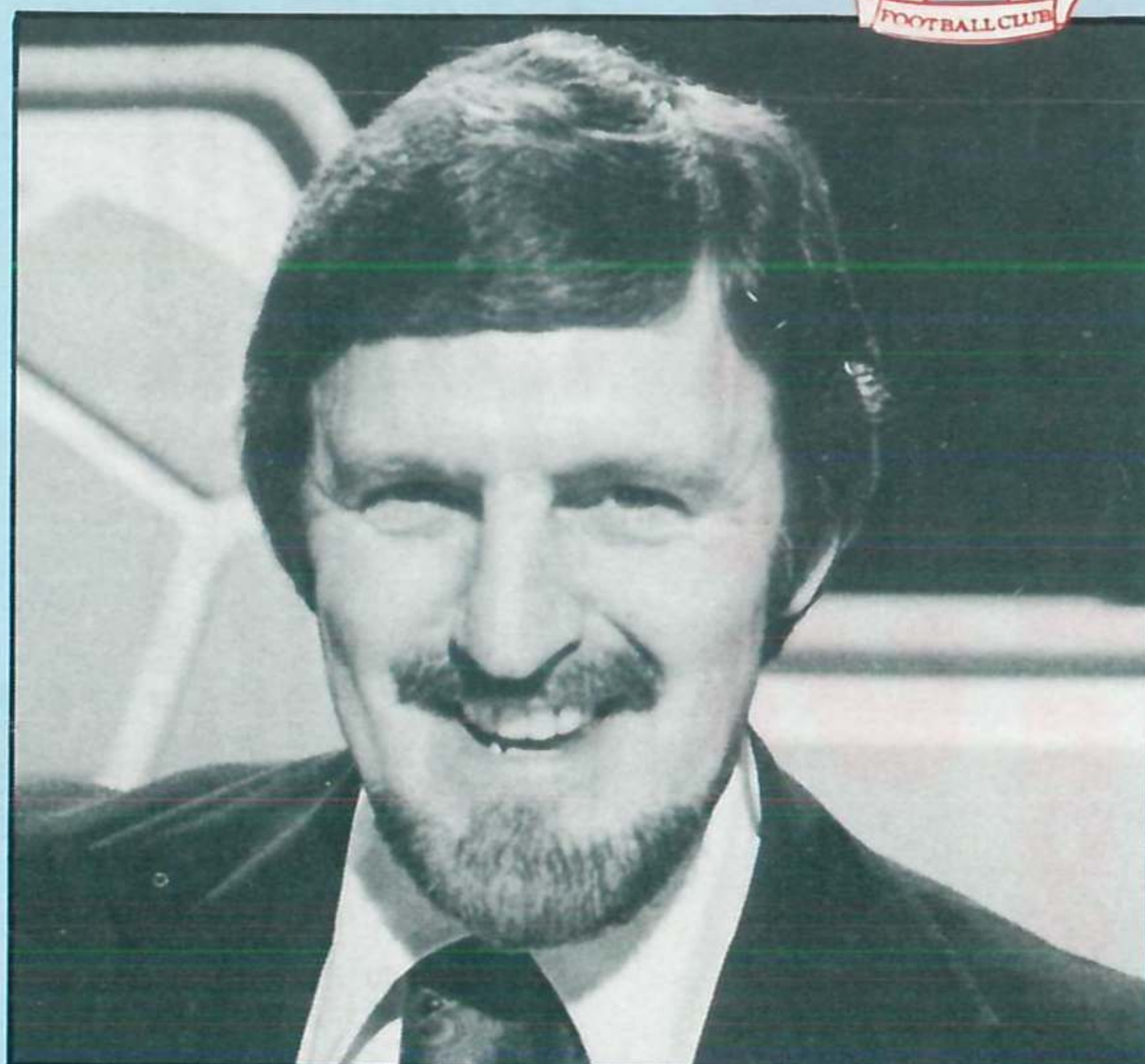
So it was back to the Second Division in 1936, as Division 3 (S) Champions, for a spell which was to last until 1952 when relegation once more stared them in the face.

Six years later and it was down to Division Four, but City managed to bounce right back as runners-up and so began a re-building programme which was to produce staggering results.

The most significant move was made by Chairman Derick Robins who persuaded Jimmy Hill to take over the ailing Third Division outfit. It was the sort of challenge that appealed to Hill and he responded magnificently. Not only did Coventry City have the best Public Relations department in the whole League, but they pioneered the kind of fund raising operation that is now the backbone of every club in the country and to top it all, the mercurial Hill produced a team which won the Third Division title in 1964 and the Second Division Championship in 1967. Jimmy Hill had taken Coventry City from the Third to First Division in five and a half explosive years.

They have never looked back since, although there have been some narrow squeaks, such as the consecutive seasons of 1967-68 and 1968-69 when they escaped relegation by just a single point on each occasion, but they came back with their best ever season, finishing sixth in the table in 1970.

But the quiet revolution still continues at Highfield Road as the clubs development slowly evolves. City reached the semi-final of the League Cup for the first time last season, the next step is a Wembley appearance.



Managers Since the War

Dick Bayliss, Billy Frith, Harry Storer, Jack Fairbrother, Jesse Carver, Harry Warren, Billy Frith, Jimmy Hill, Noel Cantwell, Bob Dennison, Gordon Milne and Dave Sexton.

SKY BLUE ROLL OF HONOUR

Second Division Champions — 1966-67
Third Division Champions — 1963-64
Division Three (South) Champions — 1935-36
Runners-up 1933-34
Fourth Division Runners-up 1958-59

Year formed — 1883

Turned Professional — 1908

Previous Name: Singers F.C. 1883-98

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1976-77	Mick Ferguson	13
1977-78	Ian Wallace	21
1978-79	Ian Wallace	15
1979-80	Ian Wallace	13
1980-81		

WORLD CUP 82...Colin Benson looks at... THE ROAD TO SPAIN

Next summer Spain will become the focal point of world football as 24 nations assemble for the 12th World Cup Final series... the biggest ever staged.

It will be a magical extravaganza of international football, the culmination of two years hard slog, and as the date draws closer the pace gets hotter for those 55 teams still battling it out in their qualifying groups for those remaining places.

In addition to hosts Spain and the holders Argentina, another two nations have already qualified. The first to book their passage were three times winners of the tournament Brazil, who made no mistakes against Bolivia and Venezuela with four wins out of four games. And joining them from South America are Chile who earned their ticket at the expense of Ecuador and Paraguay.

But who will join them in Spain? Well the four home nations are all in pole positions at the moment, but can they stay there? Can Eire hold off the challenge of France and Holland? To help keep you up to date with the current world game, and all that is happening CENTRESPOT are running a special World Cup 82 feature which will keep you fully briefed on the teams most likely to succeed.

We start this week with a review of the European qualifying groups.

EUROPE

Group 1

Results so far: Finland 0, Bulgaria 2 — Albania 2, Finland 0 — Finland 0, Austria 2 — Bulgaria 2, Albania 1 — Austria 5, Albania 0 — Bulgaria 1, West Germany 3 — Albania 0, Austria 1 — Albania 0, West Germany 2 — West Germany 2, Austria 0 — Bulgaria 4, Finland 0 — Finland 0, West Germany 4 — Austria 2, Bulgaria 0 — Austria 5, Finland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria.....	6	5	0	1	15	3	10
West Germany.....	4	4	0	0	11	1	8
Bulgaria.....	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Albania.....	5	1	0	4	3	10	2
Finland.....	6	0	0	6	1	19	0

With two teams to qualify, West Germany, the European

Group 2

Results so far: Cyprus 2, Eire 3 — Eire 2, Holland 1 — Cyprus 0, France 7 — Eire 1, Belgium 1 — France 2, Eire 0 — Belgium 1, Holland 0 — Eire 6, Cyprus 0 — Cyprus 0, Belgium 2 — Belgium 3, Cyprus 2 — Holland 3, Cyprus 0 — Holland 1, France 0 — Belgium 1, Eire 0 — France 3, Belgium 2 — Cyprus 0, Holland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium.....	6	4	1	1	10	6	9
Eire.....	6	3	1	2	12	7	7
France.....	4	3	0	1	12	3	6
Holland.....	5	3	0	2	6	3	6
Cyprus.....	7	0	0	7	4	25	0

This has turned out to be a most intriguing group, with the top four clubs still firmly in contention for a place in the Finals. France and Holland hold the key to the whole puzzle as both have to play the current leaders Belgium — runners-up in last year's European championship, and Eire.

Of the two challengers Holland have home advantage against the Irish and Belgium but travel to meet France — who have tough away games against Belgium and Eire — in what could be the decisive crunch match in November.

Eire must now win both their outstanding games to have any chance of qualifying and with the position as tight as it is the matter might even be decided on goal difference... If that is the case then France could take advantage as they are the only side with a fixture against Cyprus who they trounced 7-0 away. So the current favourites must be Belgium and France which means that Holland, World Cup runners up in both 1974 and 1978 are in grave danger of being eliminated.

Fixtures to play: Sep 9: Holland v Eire; Belgium v France — Oct 14: Holland v Belgium; Eire v France — Nov 18: France v Holland — Dec 5: France v Cyprus.

Group 3

Results so far: Iceland 0, Wales 4 — Iceland 1, USSR 2 — Turkey 1, Iceland 3 — USSR 5, Iceland 0 — Wales 4, Turkey 0 — Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0, — Turkey 0, Wales 1 — Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3 — Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 1 — Wales 0, USSR 0

The Soviet side are still taking shape but the evidence suggests that they will become an even more formidable side as the year progresses. The final outcome of this group could hinge on the two clashes between the Czechs and the Russians.

Fixtures to play: Sep 2: Iceland v Turkey — Sep 9: Czechoslovakia v Wales — Sep 23: USSR v Turkey; Iceland v Czechoslovakia — Oct 7: Turkey v USSR — Oct 14: Wales v Iceland — Oct 28: USSR v Czechoslovakia — Nov 28: USSR v Wales — Nov 30: Czechoslovakia v USSR.

Group 4

Results so far: England 4, Norway 0 — Norway 1, Rumania 1 — Rumania 2, England 1 — Switzerland 1, Norway 2 — England 2, Switzerland 1 — Switzerland 2, Hungary 2 — England 0, Rumania 0 — Hungary 1, Rumania 0 — Norway 1, Hungary 2 — Switzerland 2, England 1 — Rumania 1, Norway 0 — Hungary 1, England 3 — Norway 1, Switzerland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England.....	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Rumania.....	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary.....	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerland.....	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
Norway.....	6	1	2	3	5	10	4

England the original favourites, faltered badly along the way and when they crashed to defeat against Switzerland in Basle last May, their elimination seemed certain. But in true British style they picked themselves up to record a brilliant 3-1 victory over Hungary in the Nep Stadium.

Hope was restored but even so Ron Greenwood's side only head the group by virtue of the fact that they have played more games than their rivals and they need to ensure that they take maximum points from their two remaining matches in Norway and home to Hungary.

The battle for the other qualifying place would seem to rest between Hungary and Rumania. The Magyars really need

Champions and Austria seem well set to make it to Spain. Germany so far unbeaten have only one away fixture to play, that in Austria on October 14 when the home side will be looking to repeat their surprising 3-2 win over their neighbours in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

For Bulgaria to cause an upset they must beat Albania and West Germany away and Austria at home which is quite a tall order.

Fixtures to play: Sep 2: Finland v Albania — Sep 23: W. Germany v Finland — Oct 14: Austria v W. Germany; Albania v Bulgaria — Nov 11: Bulgaria v Austria — Nov 18: W. Germany v Albania — Nov 21: W. Germany v Bulgaria.

Bruno Pezzey Austria's world class centreback has played a major role in his country's successful run in Group 1.



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales.....	5	4	1	0	10	0	9
Czechoslovakia	4	3	0	1	11	2	6
USSR.....	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	5	0	0	5	1	13	0

Wales can still reach the Finals although that home point lost to the Russian's last May means they will have to do it the hard way. For even though they have yet to concede a goal in this competition they cannot relish away trips to Czechoslovakia and Russia.

between Hungary and Rumania. The Hungarians really need both points from their difficult trip to Rumania to ensure they can not be beaten on goal average by their Eastern neighbours and that important games takes place on September 23.

England boss Ron Greenwood exclaimed that it was now a case of how many you loose rather than win.

Fixtures to play: Sep 9: Norway v England — Sep 23: Rumania v Hungary — Oct 10: Rumania v Switzerland — Oct 14: Hungary v Switzerland — Oct 31: Hungary v Norway — Nov 11: Switzerland v Rumania — Nov 18: England v Hungary.

The European groups will be continued in our next issue.

Tony Woodcock takes on Nicolae Negrilă in England's drawn game against Rumania, who have emerged as the surprise package in Group 4.





STAR TALK

ALAN GOWLING POINTS THE WAY TO GOAL

There is a four letter word that is strangling football and that word is FEAR. People just do not accept losing any more and the element of fear has become increasingly noticeable.

It applies to players, managers, directors and supporters. The directors run the club and obviously want success and they want it overnight. The manager then feels the pressure and this is relayed to the players who get the message 'we must not lose.'

Is it any wonder then that teams place so much emphasis on stopping their opponents from scoring instead of creating goals themselves. If we want to encourage more open play then lets encourage points for goals.

This season we are using the new idea of three points for a win, but to my mind this will not accomplish much. Teams will still be pleased with a point away from home because a draw means you haven't lost.

Wouldn't it be nice if we rewarded clubs for scoring goals away from home. If you lose 3-2 away from home then you have taken part in a good game and therefore should receive some reward. Maybe a point for scoring two away goals.

Let us remember we are talking about spectator value. If a team attacks away from home then it is contributing an enormous amount towards making the game a good spectator sport and if after adopting an adventurous line they come away with nothing, then they can not be blamed for next time shutting up shop and hanging on for a point. And that is surely defeating the object if we are trying to influence teams to entertain.

I am all for looking at a system which will provide points for goals, after a certain number obviously, because I think this would make sides much more willing to play attacking football away from home.

It is not wrong to say that the game at the present is based on the fact that if we don't score then we must not lose. That has been the way ever since I can remember and in some respects applied to the teams back in the 1930's as well.

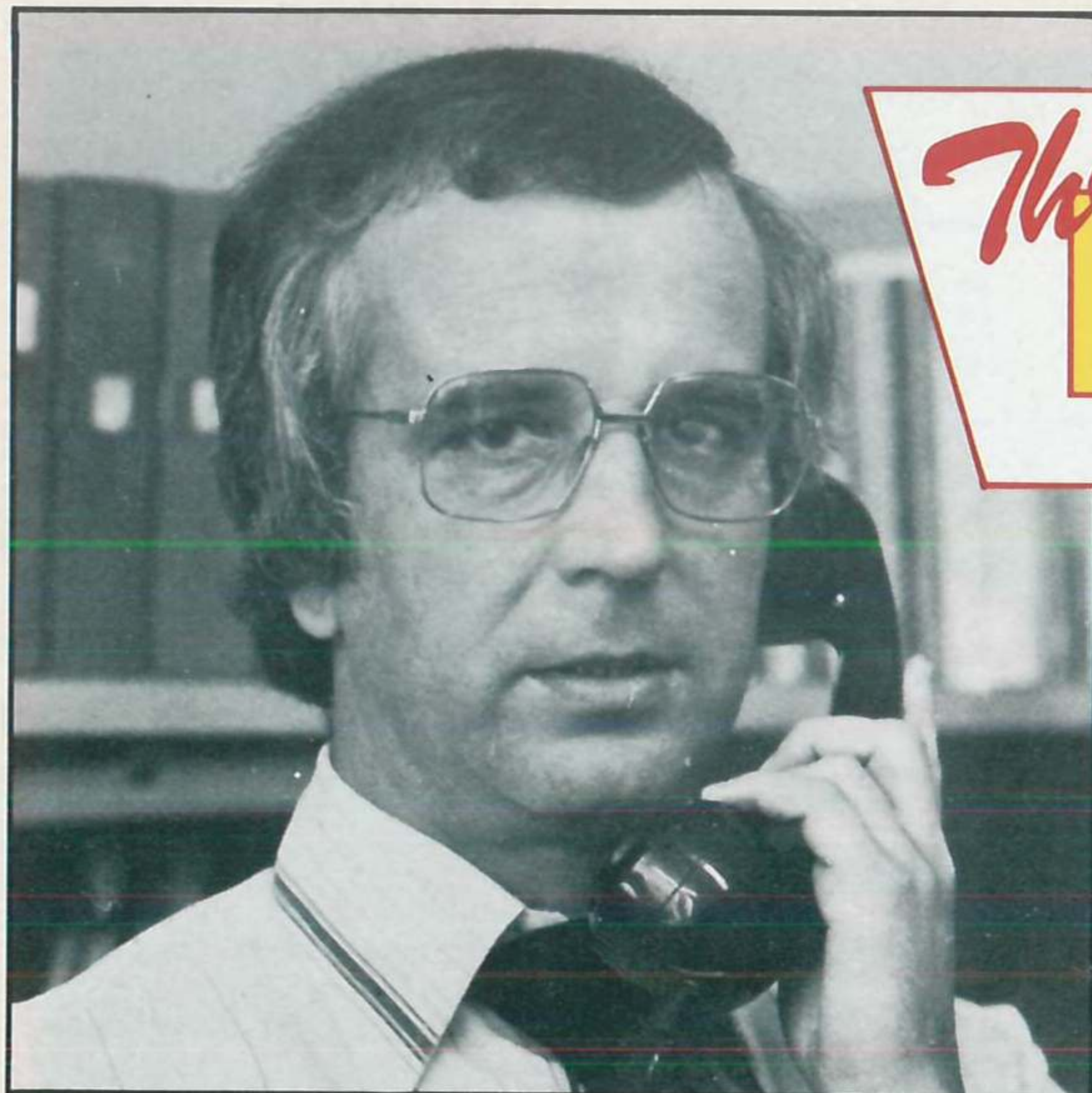
If you are a professional you simply do not want to lose. You have to accept defeat when it comes because that is all part and parcel of your career anyway, but if you are professional you play to win.

Now if on top of that we can reward sides for playing open attractive football then we will be also encouraging them to provide more entertainment. That is why I would prefer a points for goals system in preference to three points for a win.

SHEFFIELD UNITED

1981-82





The PAUL PARISH *page*

Willie Morgan the friend introduced Gary Vogel to Bolton Wanderers.

vogel has had his chips!

THE American opinion of the British footballer has become slightly tarnished ... thanks to fish and chips!

Gary Vogel, a 24-year-old defender for Minnesota Kicks in the North American Soccer League, has been telling the folks back home about English football and some of the strange customs.

He spent three months at Bolton a couple of years back to learn more about the game he now plays professionally in Minnesota.

The verdict? Great ... but for one thing.

"After a morning's training we all were given lunch," reports Vogel. "Fried food to athletes served by the club. Yep, there was always fish and chips, sausages and that kind of stuff."

The United States and the NASL have been stunned by this revelation of the behind-the-scenes goings on at a Football League club!

"How many coaches in the NASL would go for fried food in the locker room?" is the amazed comment from the American's media relations department.

The diet-conscious Americans would prefer steaks and salads but at least Vogel could keep in trim in his Bolton 'digs' where he heaped rich praise on his landlady, Mrs Joan Elliott.

"I stayed with a nice old couple," he recalls, "And I got some good home-cooked meals. They really catered for me and were very hospitable."

Vogel remembers Mrs Elliott's braised beef with considerably greater affection than fish and chips in 'the locker room.'



But the real purpose of Vogel's mission was not to study the eating habits of the British footballer but to learn more about the game that is increasing in popularity across the United States.

It's a journey that more and more young American players are making and Vogel jumped at the chance when it was suggested by former Kicks boss Freddie Goodwin.

Goodwin was a one-time Manchester United team mate of Ian Greaves, who was then in charge at Bolton, and a three month stay in England was arranged for the young man who originally hails from Buffalo.

FRIENDS

"I practiced with the Bolton reserves and, sometimes, the first team," he told an American public who are unused to reserve or even youth teams in their NASL clubs.

"I wish I could have played in more games but I realised that I couldn't take part in any league matches because I wasn't registered with Bolton. But it would really have helped if I could have played.

"Still, I enjoyed watching, too. At weekends when Bolton were on the road I'd go on the road too, so to speak," he continues. "I'd take a train or get a ride and go and see other games. Whether it was First or Fourth Division I was watching it helped me see things a little differently.

"In some ways it was more helpful than the training. It helped me with my two-touch play and it particularly helped me watching defenders, the men who play in my position."

Vogel, a graduate of Hartwick College, admits to being homesick some of the time, but at least he had a couple of good friends to help him out.

Willie Morgan was doubling for Minnesota Kicks and Bolton Wanderers at the time and says Gary: "Willie made sure everything was all right. He arranged rides for me, I went to his house sometimes for meals and I met a lot of his friends.

"I was lonely at first but it was a good thing I knew Willie. And I also knew another American Nicky Megaloudis who was training with Leicester City when I was over there."

Discipline for the younger players also surprised the impressionable Vogel.

TWO WORLDS

"The apprentice players are saddled with some tough jobs," he went on. "They have to polish the boots for the first team players, cut the grass around

the training grounds and even clean out the locker rooms."

That's the kind of involvement that even the raw recruit at any NASL club would certainly not expect.

"Imagine going over there and having to clean boots?" Vogel shudders at the thought.

Conditions for players on opposite sides of the Atlantic are clearly very different and while there is always criticism that the Football League player has an easy life it could, apparently, be even easier.

While Vogel's comments are directed at an American audience he was emphatic that the three month stint at Burnden Park was of great value.

"I think it's good to send young players to give them ideas of tactics and even how they train their players," he says.

Even with a fish and chip diet?

The Americans have much to learn about the game from a playing view but in other areas, marketing for example, they might just be able to teach British clubs a thing or two.

Not that one hugely successful idea launched last season by Tampa Bay Rowdies is ever likely to catch on in this country.

It's the Kids and Kops scheme which is aimed at producing a better relationship between the Florida youngsters and the local police force.

Briefly the scheme involves 32 picture cards that feature the Rowdies playing staff, their manager and coach and, for a touch of glamour, the young ladies who make the 'Wowdies' cheer-leader squad.

The cards are distributed to all policemen in the Tampa area. In order to make up their collection the 'kids' have to go up to the 'kops' and request a card.

The publicity and public relations exercise was a bigger success than even the Rowdies expected. In eight days it is said — and who would ever suspect the Americans to exaggerate such claims — 640,000 cards were given away by policemen to young fans.

They even say that one young diligent and public spirited youngster helped 'put the finger' on a local thief ... in addition to adding to his collection.

There is obviously a case for a better rapport between many young fans and the police forces in this country but which chief constable would be brave enough to institute a similar 'kids and kops' scheme.

You might also consider who is going to foot the bill for the printing of something like one million picture cards.

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NAME THE STARS



MATCH THE FACE

Can you match the faces above to produce two First players?

JUNIOR QUIZ

Have you read this issue of 'Centrespot' yet? If you have you should have no trouble answering the following questions all of which are taken from the features in this issue.

1. With which club did Trevor Francis start his League career?
2. How many teams will contest the next World Cup Finals in Spain?
3. Who was last season's manager of the year?
4. Name the other four countries in Eire's World Cup qualifying group?
5. How many goals did Cambridge United concede in the Second Division last season?
6. Which was the first team to actually qualify for the '82 World Cup Finals?
7. When Coventry City won the 3rd Division in 1964 who was their manager?
8. Jack Charlton is the manager of which club?
9. Which club were once known as Singers F.C.?

10. Who was Coventry City's leading scorer in the League in 1978, 79 and 80?

JUNIOR QUIZ — Answers
 1. Birmingham City, 2. 24, 3. Ron Saunders, 4. Belgium, France, Holland & Cyprus, 5. 65, 6. Brazil, 7. Jimmy Hill, 8. Sheffield Wednesday, 9. Coventry City, 10. Ian Wallace.

Fun Spot* — John Barnwell, Wolves. Bobby Robson, Ipswich. George Kerr, Grimsby Town.

NAME THE STARS

Steve Coppell (Man United), Willie Carr (Wolves)

MATCH THE FACE

Chris Nicholl (Southampton), Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)

BOLTON RECORD

Part 46
Season 1937/38

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	1-0	0-5
Birmingham	1-1	0-2
Blackpool	3-0	2-2
Brentford	2-0	1-1
Charlton	1-0	1-1
Chelsea	5-5	0-0
Derby	0-2	2-4
Everton	1-2	1-4
Grimsby	3-1	1-0
Huddersfield	2-0	0-1
Leeds	0-0	1-1
Leicester	6-1	1-1
Liverpool	0-0	1-2
Manchester City	2-1	2-1
Middlesbrough	3-1	2-1
Portsmouth	1-1	1-1
Preston	1-4	2-2
Stoke	1-0	2-3
Sunderland	1-1	1-3
W.B.A.	3-0	4-2
Wolves	1-2	1-1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3— Arsenal (a) 1-3

League goalscorers

Westwood	23	Calder	7
Milsom	5	Grosvenor	5
Goslin	5	Currier	4
Carruthers	4	Howe	3
Anderson	2	Taylor G.	1
Tennant	1	Hunt	1
Woodward	1	Jones	1
Opponents	1		

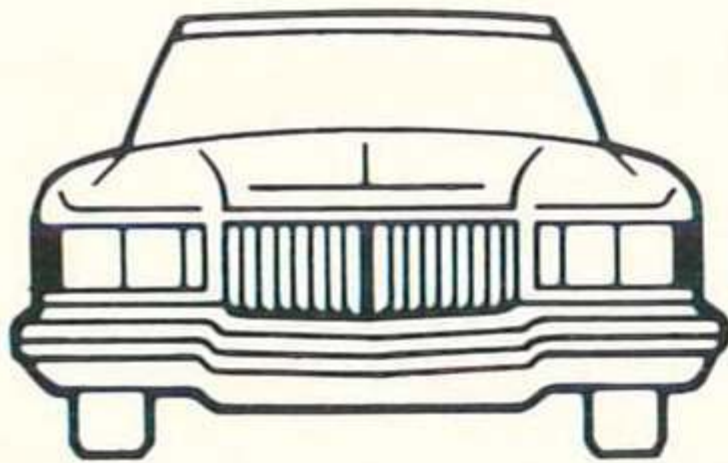
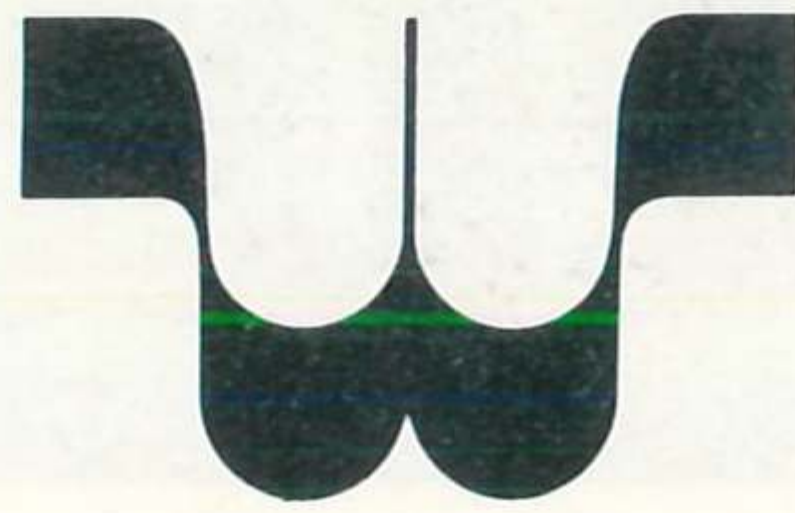
FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Anderson A.	34	Atkinson J.E.	37
Calder J.	14	Carruthers A.	25
Connor J.	3	Currier J.	7
Goslin H.	40	Grosvenor	41
Halford D.	1	Hanson S.	14
Howe D.	14	Hubbick H.	40
Hunt G.	5	Hurst G.	9
Jones R.	6	Milsom J.	17
Roberts J.H.	1	Rothwell	3
Swift F.	28	Taylor G.	37
Taylor G.T.	6	Tennant J.	38
Westwood R.W.	33	Winter D.	3
Woodward	6		

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	42	21	10	11	77	44	52
Wolverhampton W.	42	20	11	11	72	49	51
Preston N.E.	42	16	17	9	64	44	49
Charlton A.	42	16	14	12	65	51	46
Middlesbrough	42	19	8	15	72	65	46
Brentford	42	18	9	15	69	59	45
Bolton W.	42	15	15	12	64	60	45
Sunderland	42	14	16	12	55	57	44
Leeds United	42	14	15	13	64	69	43
Chelsea	42	14	13	15	65	65	41
Liverpool	42	15	11	16	65	71	41
Blackpool	42	16	8	18	61	66	40
Derby Co.	42	15	10	17	66	87	40
Everton	42	16	7	19	79	75	39
Huddersfield	42	17	5	20	55	68	39
Leicester City	42	14	11	17	54	75	39
Stoke City	42	13	12	17	58	59	38
Birmingham	42	10	18	14	58	62	38
Portsmouth	42	13	12	17	62	68	38
Grimsby Town	42	13	12	17	51	68	38
Manchester City	42	14	8	20	80	77	36
W.B.A.	42	14	8	20	74	91	36

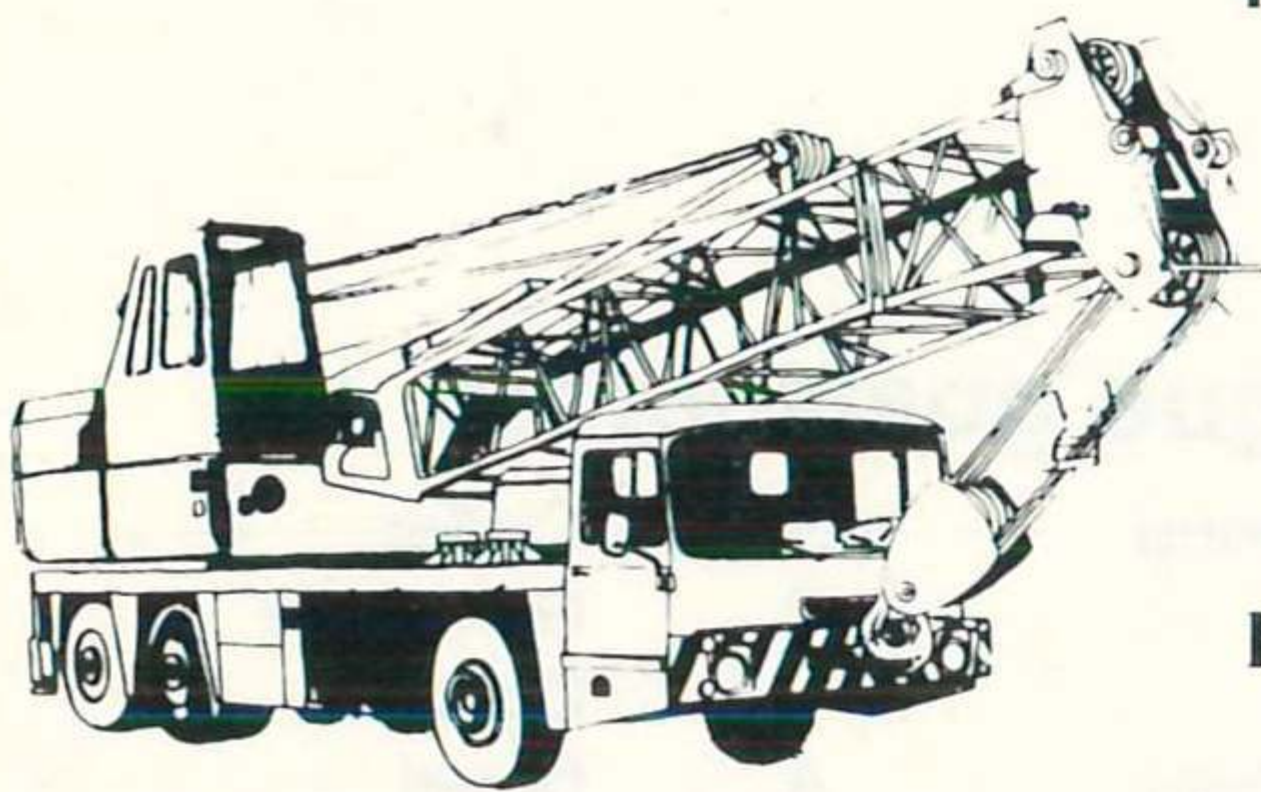
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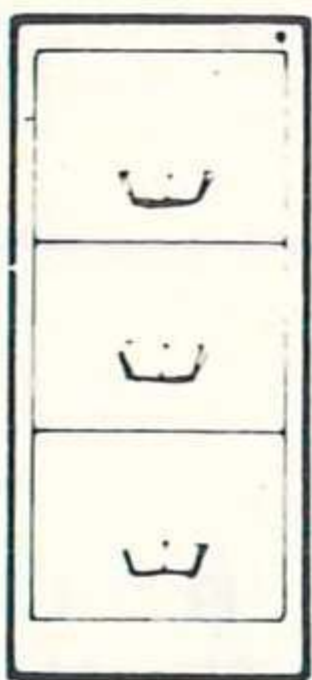
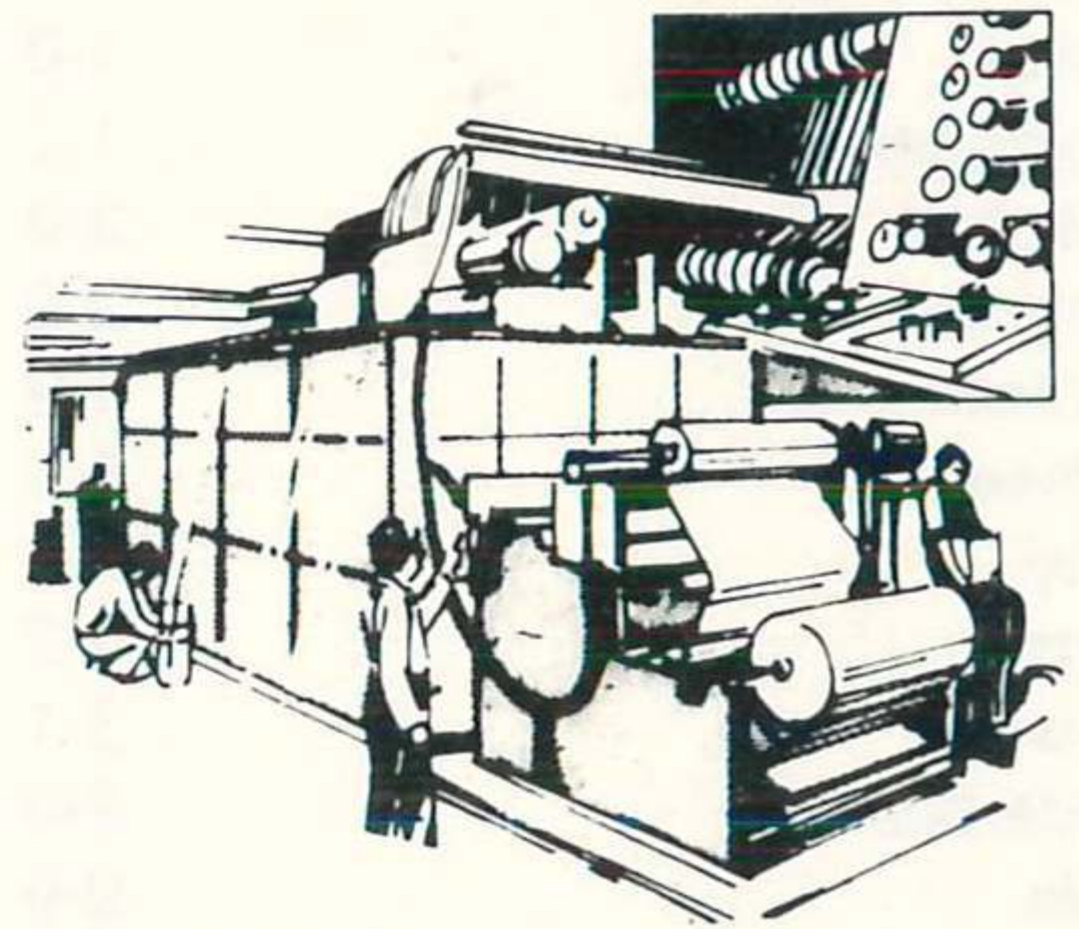
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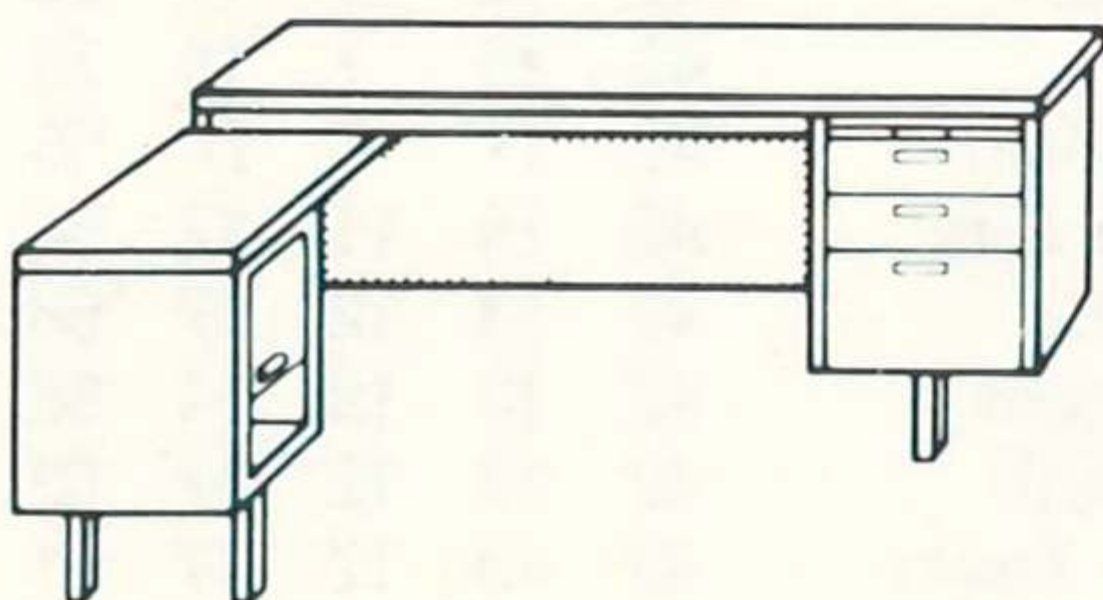
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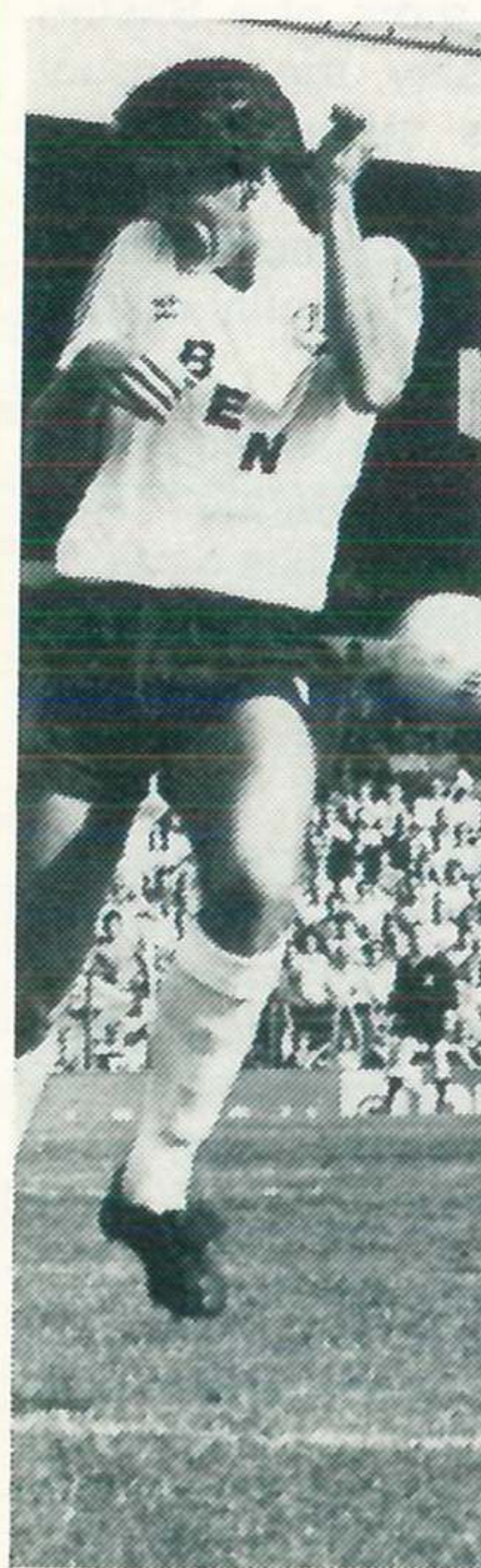
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BOLTON v LUTON

- A. John Thomas fires in a shot.
- B. Peter Reid shoots wide.
- C. A scramble in the Luton goalmouth enables Alan Gowling to score.



Burnden Park NEWS



BY MARTIN TYLER and ELTON WELSBY

Like every other commentator, I finished my first days work of the season by referring to the **three** points gained by the winning side. In my case it was three points for the new-look Everton who had beaten Birmingham City 3-1 at Goodison Park.

It is fifty-six years since the Football League made such a drastic change. Then, in 1925, a stifling offside law was altered to bring back freedom into the game, to such an extent initially that Dixie Dean struck his record 60 league goals for Everton in the 1927-28 season.

It is early days, of course, for the new points system, but I detected no disappointment from Nottingham Forest after they had drawn at Old Trafford on Bank Holiday Monday and I saw positive delight from Bobby Murdoch after his Middlesbrough had drawn at Liverpool the following night. Yet both these results cost two points under our new formula.

I did not greet the points change with any enthusiasm because it destroys the essential balance of what Ron Greenwood, the England manager, has always called "a simple game for simple folk". Much more appealing I find is a format recently suggested to me by Jim Iley, now the manager at Bury. His plan would retain the traditional two points for a win and one for a draw,, but would give an extra point to a team if they scored three goals and won the game.

Thus football's two vital ingredients, winning and goalscoring, are linked to extra reward; not just winning as we have at the present.

Congratulations to Martin Dobson. To seal Burnley's recent victory over Plymouth, he accomplished a feat which has been beyond a number of illustrious players this season. Dobson scored from a penalty!

Asa Hartford at Everton, Liverpool's Terry McDermott, Steve Johnson of Bury, and Stockport's Tommy Sword were all guilty of misses in the first week of the season. So too were other culprits with north-west connections; Manchester United's former midfield player Gerry Daly failed twice for Coventry City, and Archie Gemmill, once of Preston, had the same problem for Birmingham City.

My hope is that when Manchester United get their next penalty, Ron Atkinson gives the chance to Garry Birtles. Off the field Birtles' natural charm and sense of humour still shines through during his scoreless run. The number of games Garry has gone without a league goal is one statistic I shall be delighted to cross off my commentary list.

Heard the one about a world class goalkeeper playing for Crewe Reserves?

I certainly thought it was a joke when Crewe's former manager, Tony Waddington made that claim 18 months ago.

The man he was referring to, and predicting a great future for, was Bruce Grobbelaar, whose wonderful agility is detined to become a spectacular feature of Liverpool's season.

Back in 1979, Bruce, who comes from Zimbabwe, couldn't obtain a work permit in this country. Consequently he was forced to play as an amateur for Crewe reserves.

From there he went to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the N.A.S.L. and onto Liverpool where he succeeded Ray Clemence at the beginning of the season. "He's more of a Shilton than a Clemence", says Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager. "He's a tremendous athlete, slightly unconventional in style, but a great prospect nonetheless. I underline the word prospect because he's not in Clemence's class yet. That only comes with experience."

Grobbelaar's outgoing personality has made him a great favourite with all his new colleagues. And it's added a new edge to shooting practice down at Liverpool's training ground, Melwood. "He's so keen," says Paisley, "They all want to put the ball past him in training. The atmosphere is just like a match itself. And I'm not complaining", he added with an undestandable grin. But, according to Paisley, his enthusiasm does have its drawbacks. "Every now and again Bruce does something right out of the ordinary, like a somersault. And that's not a good thing for someone who plays in his position. It breaks the concentration which is so important for goalkeepers".

Another player destined to make quite name for himself this season is Burnley's young defender, Michael Phelan. Preston's assistant manager, Ken Shellitto, was quick to point out the lad's potential recently. Granada's sports team were told two

years ago when Phelan signed professional forms and we've been monitoring his progress ever since. You'll see the results shortly in a fascinating film about two rising stars. The other is Oldham's Darron McDonagh.

Pointing out Burnley's long tradition of producing home-grown players is one of the ways chief scout Gordon Clayton persuades talented youngsters to join the Turf Moor Club. And according to Clayton, there's no shortage of prospects at the moment. Asked to name one he came up with the name of Trevor Steven. One for the future at Burnley who might come into the reckoning for first team consideration this season.

What a world of difference exists at present between the top and bottom of the Football League. Among the elite money is changing hands irresponsibly and if persistent rumour is to be believed, at times illegally. I won't name names because reliable information is one thing, documented proof another. But make no mistake, football has its mercenaries and one day, hopefully soon, their corruptive practices will be exposed.

At the other end of the financial scale are clubs like Tranmere Rovers. They are in a desperate state. Commendably, though, all concerned are pulling together and fighting to survive. Every penny has to be accounted for; corners are cut wherever possible and discussions about future policies have already included a suggestion that part-time football could be the answer. Watching

games at Prenton Park these days is a strange experience. Three sides of the ground have been closed down. Consequently, all the supporters (about 1500 on average) are situated in and below the main stand.

Such measures would not have been necessary had the club been allowed to sell its car park for the development of a supermarket. When those plans were rejected by the local council near the end of last season, liquidation seemed impossible to avoid.

People on Merseyside, though, don't give up that easily. Mind you, it helps if the bank manager is sympathetic.

North Wales referee, Gwyn Owen, spent an interesting summer in the United States. Gwyn refereed 18 North American League games in six weeks, during which time he came across some familiar names.

One who really impressed him was George Best. "He seems to have lost none of his appetite for the game" said Gwyn, confirming that the super-skill goal from Best which we showed on Kick Off at the start of the season was no exception.

Gwyn saw that goal on television, a magnificent solo tease of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers defence ending with Best netting for San Jose Earthquakes. "It was typical of the lad's skill" praised Gwyn. "But George is still not adverse to saying the odd word out of place to referees. He called me a right so-and-so during the game I reffed — and got booked".

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1981/82	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	Chelsea	16,606	0	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Brennan	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Nikolic
Sept	LC1 (1L) Oldham	5,156	2	1	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd ¹	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Luton Town	6,911	1	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling ¹	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Barnsley	13,844	0	3	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello†	Reid	Thompson●
	LC1 (2L) Oldham	4,779	2	4	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Thompson ¹	Carter	Berry ¹
	Oldham Ath.															
	Derby County															
	Rotherham Utd.															
	Newcastle Utd.															
Oct.	Grimsby Town															
	League Cup 2 (1L)															
	Leicester City															
	Cardiff City															
	Cambridge															
	League Cup 2 (2L)															
	Norwich City															
Nov	Watford															
	League Cup 3															
	Shrewsbury Town															
	Orient															
	Luton Town															
	Crystal Palace															
	League Cup 4															
	Queens Park R.															
	Sheffield Wed.															
	Charlton Ath.															
	Wrexham															
	Blackburn R.															
Jan	F.A. Cup 3															
	Newcastle United															
	League Cup 5															
	Chelsea															
	F.A. Cup 4															
	Oldham Ath.															
	League Cup SF 1															
Feb	Barnsley															
	League Cup SF 2															
	Grimsby Town (5)															
	Rotherham Utd.															
	Leicester City															
Mar	Cardiff City (6)															
	Cambridge Utd. (LCF)															
	Norwich City															
	Watford															
April	Shrewsbury T. (SF)															
	Wrexham															
	Blackburn Rovers															
	Orient															
	Crystal Palace															
May	Queens P.R.															
	Derby County															
	Sheffield Wed.															
	Charlton Ath.															
	F.A. Cup Final															

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A515 to Ashbourne junction with A52 63 miles
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A560 via Stockport and Woodley (follow Sheffield signs) to Broadbottom junction A57 29 miles
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M1 to Tinsley intersection 34, M1, junction with A6109 (repeat, A6109) 66 miles
A6109 to ROTHERHAM 67 miles

Rotherham United AFC ground is in Masbrough Street (A6109) on the right, approaching the town centre.

TODAYS REFEREE

SEEL, COLIN N. (Carlisle). Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodlit, Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League full list. Has refereed a number of important League matches and officiated in three F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and an Amateur Cup

Final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain. Refereed 1979 Challenge Vase Final.

He is married, with two daughters, and works as a Composer. Keen on gardening, and enjoys all sports. Serves on several local football and refereeing committees, and is a local hospital broadcaster.



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CENTRAL LEAGUE

1981-82	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1982 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
29	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Aug.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Sept.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Oct.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Nov.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Dec.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
1982 Jan.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Feb.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Mar.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
Apr.	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17
May	1	5	8	12	19	26	29	3	10	17

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 12th September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wednesday	4	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	4	0	12
Grimsby Town	4	1	1	0	4	3	2	0	0	4	1	10
Luton Town	4	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	4	2	9
Barnsley	4	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	1	1	2	7
Watford	4	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	4	1	7
Leicester City	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	5	7
Norwich City	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	6	7
Queens Park Rangers	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	4	3	6
Chelsea	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	6
Crystal Palace	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	6
Blackburn Rovers	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	6
Derby County	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	1	3	5	6
Rotherham United	4	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	5	6
Shrewsbury Town	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	1	1	1	5	4
Cambridge United	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	3	3
Oldham Athletic	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	3
Orient	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Charlton Athletic	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	3
Newcastle United	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3
Cardiff City	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Wrexham	3	0	0	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bolton Wanderers	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

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- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Ian Brennan
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Brian Kidd
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Chris Thompson
- 11 Mike Carter
- 12

Oldham Athletic

- 1 Peter McDonnell
- 2 Gary Hoolikin
- 3 John Ryan
- 4 Ged Keegan
- 5 Ken Clements
- 6 Paul FUTcher
- 7 Rodger Wylde
- 8 Paul Atkinson
- 9 Jim Steel
- 10 Roger Palmer
- 11 Darren McDonough
- 12

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H	STOKE CITY NOTTINGHAM FOREST		
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K	WEST BROMWICH ALBION WEST HAM UNITED		
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M	CARDIFF CITY BLACKBURN ROVERS		
N	CHARLTON ATHLETIC GRIMSBY TOWN		
O	LEICESTER CITY LUTON TOWN		
P	NORWICH CITY NEWCASTLE UNITED		
Q	ORIENT WREXHAM		
R	QUEENS PARK RANGERS CRYSTAL PALACE		
S	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY DERBY COUNTY		
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN CHELSEA		
U	WATFORD ROTHERHAM UNITED		
V	BURNLEY HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		
W	MANSFIELD TOWN BURY		
X	WIGAN ATHLETIC NORTHAMPTON TOWN		

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